Telecommunication facilities in Mangaldai

2958. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephones subscribers of Mangaldai the head quarters of Darrang, have been denied the facilities for outside communications except for Guwahati and Tripura for a long time;

(b) is it also a fact that Mangaldai has to depend upon Tezpur and Guwahati for telecommunication in and outside the State;

(c) if so, whether micro-wave system is going to be set up at Mangaldai; and

(d) if so, by when the system will start working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. Mangaldai Subscribers get their trunk telephone connections for all telephone exchanges working in the country.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) A Radio System (UHF) is planned for commissioning between Mangaldai and Guwahati during the Seventh Plan period.

(d) The Radio System (UHF) is targetted for commissioning during the last quarter of 1989-90 subject to timely receipt of the equipment.

Clearance of Mangalore Refinery and petrochemical project

2959. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for clearance of the Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical project is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Government have approved the preparation of a Detailed Project Report for the setting up of a 3.0 MTPA Petrochemical refinery in Mangalore in the joint sector.

(b) At present, detailed project report is under preparation. It is expected to be submitted to Government by March, 1989. Final decision will be taken after the DPR is received, examined and necessary clearance obtained.

Post Office at Vemapalli in Andhra Pradesh

2960. DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of opening a new post-office at Vemapalli in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh in 1989-90;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing the supply of kerosene to Gujarat

2961. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the many kerosene agents in Gujarat State have complained to the Government for

drastic cut in the supply of quota of kerosene by the Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this reduction in quota is contrary to the agreement signed by the dealers and the Indian Oil Corporation in 1966; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to restore the quota as per the original agreement and by when this quota is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) A few complaints were received including from SKO-LDO dealers in Gujarat against reduction of monthly kerosene quota;

(b) No, Sir;

(c) As a part of restructuring of dealerships and equalisation of SKO/LDO quota among dealers, it was decided to bring the allocation of dealers to a uniform level of 250 KL per month in a phased manner, on the condition that excess allocation over and above 250 KL per month will be discontinued on commissioning of new agents in the area.

Setting up of gas-cum-naphtha cracker in Assam

2962. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for setting up a gas-cum naphtha cracker project in Assam which is a very highly attractive investment proposition due to preferential prices of gas in the North-eastern region; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for the setting up of a petrochemical complex in Assam. Decision on such proposals is taken on techno-economic considerations.

शिमला के रोहड़ू और चिड़गांव तहसीलों में एल० पी० जी० गैस की सप्लाई

2963. **श्री चन्दन शर्मा :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश में शिमला जिले की रोहड़ू और चिड़गांव तहसीलों में उपभोक्ताओं को एल० पी० जी० गैस की सप्लाई उस क्षेत्र की स्थानीय को-आपरेटिव यूनियनों द्वारा की जाती है; जो कि उपभोक्ताओं को ठीक प्रकार से गैस की सप्लाई नहीं करते;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन दोनों तहसीलों के उपभोक्ताओं को एल०पी०जी० गैस की सप्लाई हिमाचल प्रदेश नागरिक आपूर्ति निगम द्वारा करवाने का विचार रखती है, जो कि राज्य के सभी भागों में उपभोक्ताओं को एल० पी० जी० गैस का वितरण ठीक प्रकार से करते हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब तक, यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त): (क) से (ग) रोहड़ू में एल० पी० जी० गैस वितरण केन्द्र हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य सिविल सप्लाई कारपोरेशन को दिया गया है तथा इसका प्रबन्ध रोहड़ू हर्सील को-आपरेटिव यूनियन लिमिटेड द्वारा किया जा रहा है। भारी वर्षा/स्नो फाल के कारण रोहड़ू में फरवरी, 1989 के दौरान एल०पी०जी० की सप्लाई में विघ्न पड़ा। चिड़गांव में इस समय एल० पी०जी० की सुविधा नहीं है।